Non-release of grants to a Sarvajanik Vachanalaya in Belgaum

125. SRI N. B SIRDESAI (Khanapura) [On behalf of SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum)].—Will the Minister for University Education and Wakfs be pleased to state : -

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a Sarvajanik Vachanalaya (General Library) in Belgaum started in the year 1848 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this Library has not received grants for the years 1974-75 and 1975-76 ;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the same ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the said Library is run by Marathi speaking people ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for University Education and Wakfs).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Grants for the years 1974-75 and 1975-76 had not been released. But during 1976-77 on the basis of the report from the Inspecting Officer, grants for the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-1977 have been released.

(*c*) The management did not carry out the instructions issued by the Department of Public Libraries.

(*d*) Government is not aware of the language-wise constitution of the Management. The rules of the Organisation, however, do not provide for the management to be appointed from any particular group of persons.

SRI N. B SIRDESAI.—May I know the contents of the report from the Inspecting Officer on the basis of which the grants have been released subsequently ?

SRI S M YAHYA.—There were certain complaints and the officers have looked into the matter. Subsequently the Management had assured that they will appoint a trained Librarian, and they have taken action. They are co-operating with regard to verification of accounts.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know what instructions were issued to the Management and which instructions were not carried out by the Management ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—They are : (1) failure to maintain accounts in the language known to the Inspecting staff, and for their co-operation regarding verifying the accounts ; (2) suggestions were made to aid Kannada books and periodicals ; (3) to have trained

librarian, and (4) about a resolution which was against the pro-kannadigas. Subsequently, the Management have withdrawn the resolution.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Whether it is a fact that because the library is being run by the Marati speaking people and the records are maintained in Marati, the grants were stopped abruptly ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA.—Generally speaking the language as such is not the question. The Government would help as much as possible. The contention of the Hon'ble member that grants were stopped because the Library is run by Marati people, is not the reason at all.

Constitution of Central Committee of State Wakfs Board

195. SRI ABDUL KUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).—Will the Minister for University Education and Wakfs be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the State Wakfs Board Central Committee was constituted ;

(*b*) the name of the person who is heading this Committee ;

(*c*) whether the District Committees have been formed in the State ; if so, when and the mode of selection of the personnels ; the names of the persons serving in each such Committee ;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that District Committees so constituted are trying to destroy all Burial grounds and Dargas ;

(*e*) the total revenue derived out of this wakf properties in each District ?

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for University Education and Wakfs)

(*a*) The Board of Wakfs in the State under the Wakfs Act, 1954 was first constituted in the year 1961.

(*b*) Government have reconstituted the Karnataka Board of Wakfs with effect from 10th June, 1977, after curtailing the period of supersession. The newly reconstituted Board has yet to elect its Chairman.